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**CITY OF HARTFORD RECEIVES ALMOST \$4.5 MILLION
DOLLARS IN FIGHT AGAINST AIDS**

(April 8, 2005)--- On this 15th anniversary of the death of Ryan White, Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez is pleased to announce that the City is a recipient of the Ryan White Grant. Almost \$4.5 (M) million dollars will now be available to service the approximately 3000 people living in the Greater Hartford region infected with HIV and AIDS.

Mayor Perez firmly believes this money will go a long way to help provide the basic services of housing, transportation, medical assistance and meals for those in need.

The grant is named after Ryan White, who on April 8, 1990--- 15 years ago today--- lost his battle with AIDS. His story gained worldwide attention because for years he was determined to live a normal life, including going to school. His journey helped dispel many of the myths about AIDS.